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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks/arguments. No new matter has been added by the amendments. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) A method for enabling an e-commerce web site to manage user information for both site server users and regular web site users, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a site server comprising a membership directory component with directory information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;
 - (b) providing a database separate from the membership directory component of the site server, the database having table information stored in a plurality of database tables, including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;
 - (c) authenticating an identity of one of the users with an active server page, for determining whether the user is a site server user or a regular web site user;
 - (d) providing a single interface framework of components which provides user information access by both site server users and regular web site users upon authentication of the identity of the user;
 - (e) allowing site server users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the membership directory component of the site server; and

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- (f) allowing regular web site users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the plurality of database tables in the database.
- 2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, and a log-in form.
- 3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the preferences relating to the users include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed.
- 4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the roles relating to the users include a customer, a manager, and an employee.
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously presented) A system for enabling an e-commerce web site to manage user information for both site server users and regular web site users, the system comprising:
 - (a) logic that provides a site server comprising a membership directory component with directory information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;
 - (b) logic that provides a database separate from the membership directory component of the site server, the database having table information stored in a plurality of database tables, including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;

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- (c) logic that authenticates an identity of one of the users with an active server page, for determining whether the user is a site server user or a regular web site user;
 - (d) logic that provides a single interface framework of components which provides user information access by both site server users and regular web site users upon authentication of the identity of the user;
 - (e) logic that allows site server users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the membership directory component of the site server; and
 - (f) logic that allows regular web site users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the plurality of database tables in the database.
7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, and a log-in form.
8. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6, wherein the preferences relating to the users include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed.
9. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6, wherein the roles relating to the users include a customer, a manager, and an employee.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously presented) A computer program for enabling an e-commerce web site to manage user information for both site server users and regular web site users, the computer program comprising:

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- (a) a code segment that provides a site server comprising a membership directory component with directory information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;
 - (b) a code segment that provides a database separate from the membership directory component of the site server, the database having table information stored in a plurality of database tables, including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;
 - (c) a code segment that authenticates an identity of one of the users with an active server page, for determining whether the user is a site server user or a regular web site user;
 - (d) a code segment that provides a single interface framework of components which provides user information access by both site server users and regular web site users upon authentication of the identity of the user;
 - (e) a code segment that allows site server users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the membership directory component of the site server; and
 - (f) a code segment that allows regular web site users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the plurality of database tables in the database.
12. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, and a log-in form.

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13. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the preferences relating to the users include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed.
14. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the roles relating to the users include a customer, a manager, and an employee.
15. (Canceled)